

Amendments to the Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of controlling a dialoging process in which

- a current situation parameter (~~sysp, mi, si~~) is automatically determined and
- the control of the dialoging process takes place as a function of the situation parameter (~~sysp, mi, si~~) in such a way that the dialoging process is adapted to the current situation.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the dialoging process is embedded in the framework of a speech-controlled application and in that an automatic speech recognition unit (~~ASR~~) is used in the dialoging process.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~either of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that a speech synthesizing means (~~SS~~) is used in the dialoging process.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that a current situation profile (~~sp~~) is determined on the basis of the situation parameter (~~sysp, mi, si~~) determined and in that the control of the dialoging process takes place as a function of situation profile (~~sp~~) in such a way that the dialoging process is adapted to the current situation.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that various situation profiles (~~sp~~) are assigned to various ranges of situation parameters and in that what is determined as the current situation profile (~~sp~~) is that situation profile (~~sp~~) that is assigned to the range of situation parameters in which the situation parameter (~~sysp, mi, si~~) determined lies.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that a current situation-related value (~~sw~~) is determined from the situation parameter (~~sysp, mi, si~~) determined and in that the

control of the dialoging process takes place as a function of the situation-related value ~~(sw)~~ in such a way that the dialoging process is adapted to the current situation.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing~~ ~~claims~~claim 1, characterized in that what is used as a situation parameter ~~(sysp, mi, si)~~ is a system parameter ~~(sysp)~~ that is generated anyway in the context of the dialoging process for some other purpose.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that a speech recognition system parameter that is generated as part of automatic speech recognition ~~(ASR)~~ is used as a situation parameter ~~(sysp)~~.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing~~ ~~claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the control of the dialoging process takes place as a function of a situation parameter ~~(sysp, mi, si)~~ in such a way that user authentication in a private situation calls for the input of a user data object in a way in which the input is not required in a public situation.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A dialoging system ~~(DS)~~ having a dialog input/output interface ~~(E/ASS)~~, a situation parameter interface ~~(PSS)~~, and a dialog controlling means ~~(DSTE)~~ that is so arranged that:

- a current situation parameter ~~(sysp, mi, si)~~ is automatically determined and
- the control of the dialoging process takes place as a function of the situation parameter ~~(sysp, mi, si)~~ in such a way that the dialoging process is adapted to the current situation.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A dialoging system ~~(DS)~~ as claimed in claim 10, characterized by a sensor means ~~(S1...Sn)~~ connected to the situation parameter interface ~~(PSS)~~ and/or a measuring means ~~(M1...Mm)~~ connected to the situation parameter interface ~~(PSS)~~, for determining sensor data ~~(si)~~ and measurement data ~~(mi)~~ respectively.